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NASA FACTS, "The Transhab Module: An Inflatable Home in Space", National Aeronautics and Space Administration, dated May 1999, IS-199-05-ISS027JSC.

"Deployable Lunar Habitat Design and Materials Study, Phase I Study Program Results", National Aeronautics and Space Administration, dated January 29, 1997, Contract/P.O. Number T-357-5V.

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